



Typhoid/Paratyphoid Fever

Investigation checklist for Local Health Departments

Local health department staff should follow these steps when investigating cases of Typhoid/Paratyphoid Fever. For more information, refer to the communicable disease chapter which can be accessed at: <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/typhoid/techinfo.shtml>

- Review laboratory analysis to confirm positive test result. If the case has not been submitted via the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS), enter the lab results and create a new case
- Assess the case for high-risk activities (e.g., day care attendees, food handler) and exclude from school or work in accordance with NJDOH exclusion criteria
- Interview the case or guardian (if case is minor) via telephone with the Typhoid/Paratyphoid Fever Case Report Form (CDC-52.5) within two weeks of the case being reported. **Do not fax the form to the physician or mail to the home of the case for completion**
- Enter relevant information (travel, purpose of travel, citizenship, vaccination, antibiotic sensitivity testing) into the CDRSS case
- Fax the completed Case Report Form (CDC-52.5) to 609-826-5972
- Notify the appropriate local health department and document in the CDRSS case, if a food establishment, daycare etc. from another jurisdiction is identified as a possible source
- Notify CDS if the number of cases reported is higher than usual or an outbreak is suspected
- Enter any additional symptomatic contacts identified through interview into CDRSS and follow case investigation as appropriate
- Upon completion of investigation, determine case status and close case in CDRSS
- Document dates/times of at least three attempts made to reach case in CDRSS including reason for loss to follow up if case remains unreachable